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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: ) Examiner: C. KAUFMAN  
Bruce A. KEYT, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1646  
Serial No.: 09/346,069 )  
Filing Date: 1 July 1999 )  
For: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING )  
VARIANTS OF VASCULAR )  
ENDOTHELIAL CELL GROWTH )  
FACTOR )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2001 (Paper No. 13). It is submitted with a petition for three months extension of time and requisite fee, making this a timely response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which maybe required, including any extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-62326-2/RFT/JJD).

Please enter the amendments indicated herein, cancelling without prejudice or disclaimer all previously pending claims not reiterated herein. Please also give favorable consideration to the remarks herein.